

# Statewide Earthquake Drill

**April 3, 2003 – Between 9:45 A.M.– 10:00 A.M.**

A statewide earthquake **"Drop, Cover and Hold"** drill will be an important part of the 2003 Disaster Preparedness Month activities. This drill will remind Washingtonians what to do when the ground starts to shake.

## Washington State

## Is Earthquake Country



### How to Participate in the Statewide Earthquake Drill

- Plan to conduct a drill at home, at school, and at work. Remember the drill is for everyone in Washington State.
- To encourage participation, display announcements about the drill well in advance. An announcement is included in your packet of materials.
- Listen for the drill message. In case of a communications interruption, or in the event you are unable to participate in the drill on April 3, broadcast your own message over your facility's public address system or use a different signal, such as a bell or whistle. If you use a signal other than the radio, make certain everyone knows what signal will be used.
- Between 9:45 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., imagine that an earthquake is occurring. **Drop** under a sturdy desk or table, **Cover** your head, and **Hold** on to the desk or table until the drill message is complete (about 30 seconds).
- Use the drill as a springboard to discuss other essential earthquake safety actions with family, friends and coworkers.

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For more information about earthquake safety, contact your local emergency management office or the state Disaster Preparedness Month Coordinator at (253) 512-7047

## Radio and TV Participation

Washington state radio and television stations are urged to promote the statewide earthquake drill and broadcast the drill via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) between 9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. on April 3rd. Call your local radio or television station to see if they plan to broadcast the "Drop, Cover and Hold" message.

